

# The West Watch

Neighborhood Group

# THE REPORTER

**FEBRUARY 2011**

**WEST END YOUTH CENTER  
20<sup>TH</sup> AND GREENLEAF STREETS  
MEETING 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> - 7PM**

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## Guest Speakers For The February Meeting

The guest speaker for the month of February will be Ron Manescu, Magisterial District Judge and a member of the West Watch Group.

## From the President

### HELLO NEIGHBORS:

Please welcome to The West Watch all the members of the Muhlenberg School Area Watch Group. This group has decided to become members of the West Watch. We would also like to acknowledge Heidi Unterberg for her leadership of the Muhlenberg Group. We extend our appreciation to Heidi and look forward to her participation in the West Watch.

Assistant Chief of Police for Allentown, Joe Hanna, has informed us that Keith Morris has been promoted to Captain and he will assume responsibility for the officers in the West Watch area. Captain Morris plans to attend our monthly meeting in February.

### Neighborhood Watch

Even though the weather has turned cold, the people who burglarize our properties do not take a break and wait for the warmer weather.

Please be aware of any unusual activity in your neighborhood and report the activity to the Allentown Police.

### WHY WE SHOULD RECYCLE:

Each year, the typical American family throws out 2,460 pounds of paper, 540 pounds of metals, 480 pounds of glass and 480 pounds of food scraps. All told, each of us throws away more than 1,200 pounds of trash per year, far more than people in most other countries.

Eighty-four percent of a typical household's waste-including food scraps, yard waste, paper, cardboard, cans, and bottles-can be recycled.

## Coming Soon!

The speaker for the March 8th meeting will be Ed Pawlowski, Mayor of Allentown. The elections for the TWW officers will be conducted during this meeting.

- New email Address? Send it to us at Secretary@thewestwatch.org
- Currently accepting nominations /volunteers for The West Watch board
- Donations may be mailed to The West Watch at 3140B Tilghman St #243 Allentown PA 18104

## *Home Burglaries*

There were a series of home burglaries in Bethlehem. The police released recommendations which should sound familiar to TWW members. Security professionals said you should make sure there is plenty of light around your home when it's dark, and homeowners should do a routine check of their house perimeter. The most unique suggestion was to ask a child how he or she would get into the house. Kids will figure out how to get into the house another way that you wouldn't even think of.

## *Meeting Minutes*

A few points made by our last speaker, Ron Penrose, from the Bureau of Traffic Planning and Control. His department puts the street light bulb replacement list together on Tuesday and the work is done Wednesday through Friday. There are very specific national guidelines, which his department must follow, for a 4 way stop. Most of the intersections in our area don't meet the guidelines. Mr. Penrose answered questions presented by attending members. One example of problems presented is the problems of making a left turn at Ott Street and Hamilton Street. Mr. Penrose stated that the problems at that intersection has been studied for many years but by states rules there is nothing that can be done at this time.

## *Types of Burglars*

There are five types of burglars. The best way to prevent theft is to have a Security System and to use it.

1. Opportunity Burglars – Will search for theft opportunities that are easy, quick and petty. If you leave your door unlocked or your windows open, they will take advantage of your trust or forgetfulness.
2. Smashers Burglars – Smash and Grab burglar is more desperate than an Opportunity Burglar. A Smasher will usually enter a home or business by breaking through a door or window.
3. Prowlers Burglars – They will have connections to channel their stolen goods through, and they will put more scrutiny and planning into a burglary. Their tactics include targeting and studying their victims habits and schedules.
4. Targeted Burglars – Burglar will decide to target specific high value items. They know what they want, they do rigorous research, and know how long it will take Police to respond to the alarm.
5. Complete Burglars – When a house is completely bare after a robbery, a Complete Burglar was involved. An insider will tell them that you are going on vacation, and a moving truck will arrive to take every item in your house.

## **Numbers To Know**

<b>Police-Fire-Ambulance</b>	911
<b>Police –Non-emergency</b>	610-437-7751
<b>Chief Maclean</b>	610-437-7777
<b>Police—Vice Unit</b>	610-437-7726
<b>State Rep. Jennifer Mann</b>	610-821-5577
<b>State Sen. Pat Browne</b>	610-821-8468
<b>City Planning</b>	610-437-7613
<b>Recycling/ Graffiti Removal</b>	610-437-8729
<b>Code Enforcement</b>	610-437-7695
<b>Mayor Pawlowski</b>	610-437-7546
<b>Health Bureau</b>	610-437-7760
<b>Zoning office</b>	610-437-7630

## *CHEC-Mate Program*

Report all suspicious activity anonymously by becoming a CHEC-mate (Citizens Helping Eliminate Crime) Member. Come to our monthly meeting and ask for a card and/or get a few for your Allentown friends or neighbors. Please don't sit silent and expect others to call the police. Everyone has to take responsibility to report suspicious activity when they see it. We can only begin to clean up Allentown when good people come together and say we will no longer put up with illegal activity.



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